

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (previously presented): A purified preparation of *Streptomyces griseus trypsin* (SGT) having a specific activity of at least about  $25 \times 10^3$  U/mg protein and a purity of at least 95% and further comprising arginine.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The preparation of purified SGT according to claim 10, wherein said arginine has a concentration of at least about 0.5 M.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A purified preparation of *Streptomyces griseus trypsin* (SGT) having a specific activity of at least about  $25 \times 10^3$  U/mg protein and a purity of at least 95%, wherein said preparation is obtained by a method comprising contacting PRONASE protease with an immobilized affinity moiety selected from the group consisting of an amidine, a guanidine, or an amine containing species and eluting said SGT selectively from said immobilized affinity moiety with an eluant comprising ~~an eluting agent selected from the group consisting of an amidine, a guanidine, or an amine containing species arginine.~~

Claims 13-26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (new): The purified preparation of claim 12, wherein said immobilized affinity moiety is benzamidine.